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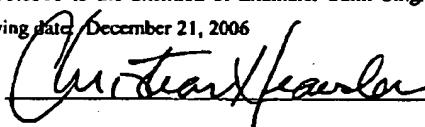
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 10, 2006

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the office action dated October 10, 2006, and in response submits the following remarks.

Please find enclosed the following sections:

**Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 2.

**Remarks**, beginning on page 9